

AMENDMENT TO THE SPECIFICATION

Please replace paragraph 43 with the following replacement paragraph:

A parent distributed media session 126 (parent DMS) is included to allow the system 100 to stream data from the source device 102 over the network 106 to the client device 104. The parent DMS 126 is a software component that may be executed by the source device 102, the client device 104, and/or a third party device 2002 seen in FIG. 20. Through execution of the parent DMS 126, a distributed software infrastructure may be built to stream data over the network 106. The parent DMS 126, when executed, may discover the capabilities of both the source and client devices 102, 104. From these discovered capabilities, the parent DMS 126 may address ~~(a or the?)~~ a distribution of software components across both the client device 104 and the source device 102. Further discussion of software component distribution is found in the section titled "Resolving a Distributed Topology", below. To aid the following discussion, further references to execution of the parent DMS 126 or other software component to perform an action will be made as if the parent DMS 126 or other software component performs the action.